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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Deputy Director (Administration)

SUBJECT: Testing of Security Equipment

1. Reference is made to the attached letter from the Assistant Administrator, General Services Administration, requesting the transfer of \$2500 to the National Bureau of Standards to help defray the cost of testing security equipment submitted by manufacturers in accordance with specifications developed by the Federal Committee on Security Equipment.

2. The Federal Committee on Security Equipment was established approximately a year ago to evaluate and establish government wide standards for security filing equipment. The Committee consists of representatives of the General Services Administration, Atomic Energy Commission, Department of State, Department of Army, Navy and Air Force and this Agency.

3. Since its inception the Committee has studied various types of safekeeping equipment and recently submitted to manufacturers standard specifications designed to afford maximum protection against unauthorized forcible entry, as well as fire and disaster.

4. In view of the abolishment of the Physical Security Equipment Agency, which would normally conduct the necessary testing and evaluation of such equipment, it was necessary to make ad hoc arrangements for the testing of equipment furnished by manufacturers in accordance with the specifications. This was accomplished by the loaning of safe technicians from several agencies, including CIA, to the Bureau of Standards for a short period to aid in the testing and evaluation.

5. Inasmuch as the testing of this equipment will be a continuing matter, more permanent arrangements are necessary, and, in this connection, the Committee has negotiated for the testing to be accomplished during Fiscal Year 1955 by the Bureau of Standards. This, however, will necessitate the payment to the Bureau of Standards of the sum of \$17,500 to help defray costs, and during a recent meeting it was determined that this could best be accomplished by each interested Agency contributing the sum of \$2500. With respect to Fiscal Year 1956, the General Services Administration has indicated that it will request the necessary funds to reimburse the Bureau of Standards.

6. In view of the fact that the matter of secure safekeeping equipment is of extreme importance to this Agency, as well as to

other sensitive government agencies, it is believed that the development of safekeeping equipment in accordance with government wide specifications will not only decrease the individual cost of such equipment but will materially benefit this Agency and the National Defense.

7. It is, therefore, recommended that approval be granted for the transfer of the sum of \$2500 of Agency funds to the National Bureau of Standards to help defray the expense of testing safekeeping equipment furnished by manufacturers in accordance with the specifications established by the Federal Committee on Security Equipment.

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Acting Director of Security

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